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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 15, 2001, the period for reply having been extended one (1) month by filing a Petition for Extension of Time and by payment of the appropriate fee, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 and 9-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Smith II U.S. Patent Number 5,768,163 (hereinafter "Smith"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner has essentially renewed his rejection from the previous Office Action and applied it to new claims 13-17 apparently without consideration of the